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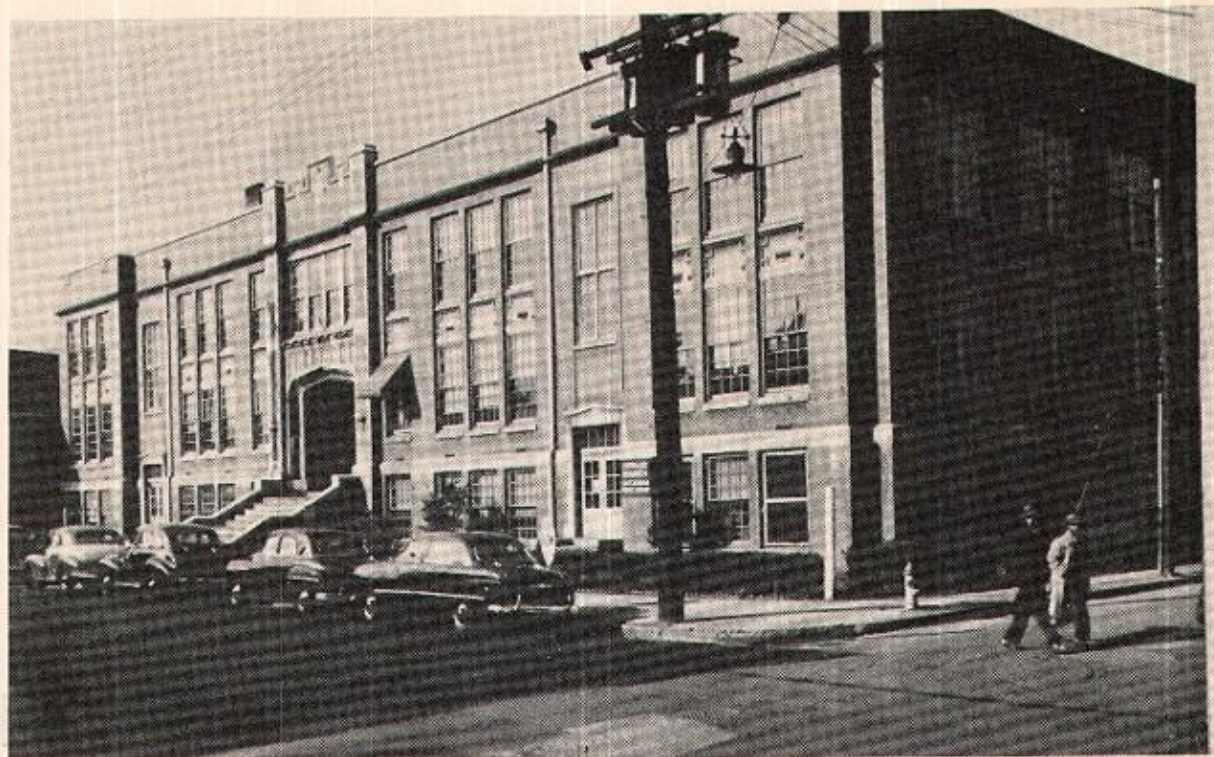
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Foreword

As we note the improvement in our Annual, we feel the sense of gratification that comes with any achievement which indicates progress. It is our sincere hope that our readers will be pleased with this issue of our Annual, and will regard it as a milestone of progress.

Alma Mater



HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL SONG

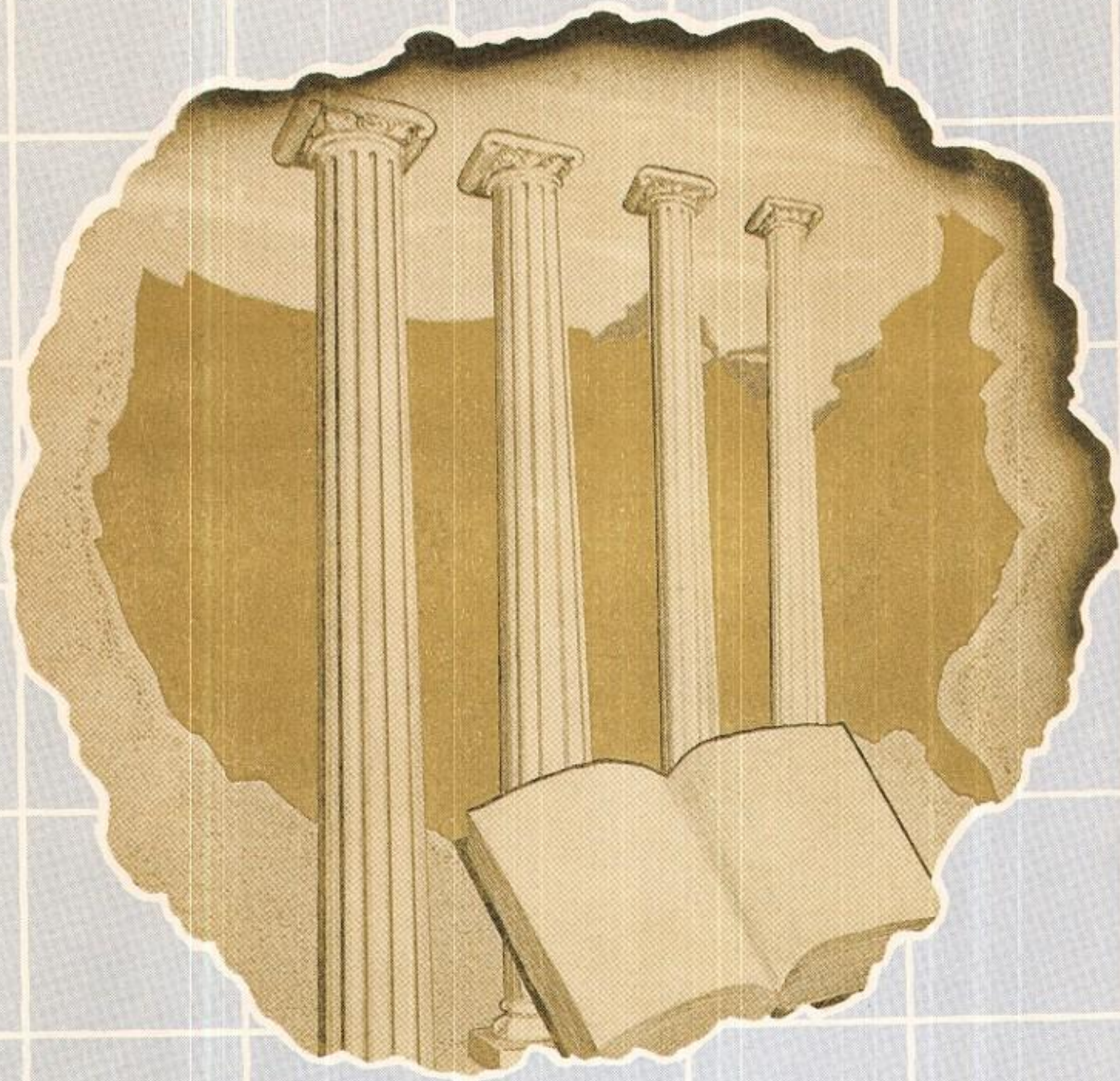
Words by J. C. Brown 1942

1.

Dear Howard High, the Shrine of my devotion
The School I love, the place where my heart is,
Your name for e'er I'll praise, revere and cherish
In times of joy, in sorrow and tears
You are the source of all my inspiration,
My hope, my dreams for future years.

2.

May I to thee be loyal, true Beloved;
May thou in me live and be glorified.
I love thy walls, traditions and thy spirit;
I promise thee, thou'll e'er be my pride.
No matter what the gods of chance may will thee
I'll love thee still until I die.

Two pushpins are shown at the top of the banner: a blue one on the left and a black one on the right.

Dedication

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To:

Mrs. Maxie L. Easterling, who has worked untiringly for the success of our school publications; who has given unselfishly her services for the growth of our PTA; and whose warm smile, poise and dignity warrant unlimited laurels, we gratefully dedicate the Excelsior of "54".

Welcome to Teachers

We always reserve space in our column to honor our dignitaries, and especially so, if these dignitaries happen to be our teachers.

Miss F. E. Richardson, who is teaching English during the absence of Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, is our newest member of the Howard High family. Miss Richardson graduated from Howard in '49, and from A&I State University in '52.

We have another new addition to the faculty, Mr. Garth, who is also in the English department. Mr. Garth, too is a member of the great class of '49. He graduated from Morehouse with top honors in '53.

The Business Classes are happy to have Misses Cora Butler and Lula Turner as practice teachers for six weeks. The young ladies are willing and ready to serve. These young ladies are members of the Business Education Department of A. and I. University, Nashville, Tennessee.

We extend to them our heartiest welcome, and will give them our full cooperation. All are young, attractive, friendly, and talented, and will prove to be remarkably successful with students, and of course with the teachers.

Ruby Doris Turner

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MILLSAPS

The whole school is deeply grieved and shocked over the passing of Mrs. Helen Millsaps, Howard High School's late librarian. Both the faculty and student body wish to express their profound sympathy to Mrs. Millsaps' family in this period of bereavement and share in their loss of a loved one and a friend.

Mrs. Millsaps was born in Meridian, Mississippi. She was educated at the Meridian Academy and Atlanta University, where she majored in library science. After teaching a few years in Butler, Alabama, Mrs. Millsaps became librarian in Meridian. She came to Chattanooga in November, 1923 as the bride of Mr. John W. E. Millsaps and has resided here since. A short time after her arrival in Chattanooga she was employed by the city school system as librarian at Howard High.

For more than 25 years Mrs. Millsaps has faithfully supplied the literary needs of the Negro people of this area. The work of Mrs. Millsaps has been ceased only by her untimely death.

—By Phillip Thompson

Teachers' Summer Activities

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

J. W. Davenport, W. L. Hainey, Mrs. Ezella Vaughn and Roy Vaughn attended summer school at New York University. In addition Mrs. Vaughn toured the East Coast.

Mrs. Doris Kelly, John L. Pitts and Mrs. Ethel Ramsey attended summer school at A & I State University.

Mrs. Sallie Byner attended Oregon State College in Cornwallis, Oregon.

William Murphy spent part of his vacation summer school at the University of Cincinnati.

Miss Josephine Dorsey became Mrs. George Wheeler last August.

Majorettes Win the Elks National Trophy

By Christina Jaffer

Three Howard High students won the Elks' National Trophy in its annual parade in Atlanta, Georgia, August 25th. The groups consisted of Jean Hurt, Senior; Christina Jaffer, Junior; and Barbara Jean Buttram, Sophomore. This trio will enter the Tennessee State parade to capture its high award and again compete for the National Trophy in Chicago next August.

THE HOWARD HIGH BAND

By Delores Allen

Howard has a new Drum Major and five new Majorettes: Doris Riggins, Ruby Davis, Rosemerri Blake, Elma Allen and Ernestine Graham. All are nice looking, but none can beat cute little Miss Barbara Ware, our leader and a Senior. Of course, our new Drum Major isn't as experienced as Jasper Cameron, but he has to learn just as Jasper did, but he has been doing well. Give him a chance, will you?

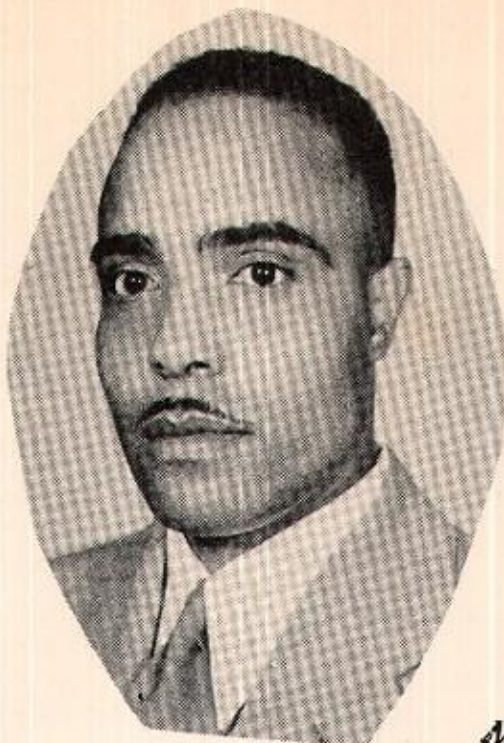
We certainly miss the seniors we had last year, but its ok; we shall be just as good next year with new ones that have taken their places, as John Brown, Cecil Mitchell, George Keith and new captain of the drums, Joe Farrow.

What do you think of the half time show at the game between Howard and Austin? Was it three cheers for our Band Master?



Administration

Mrs. D. C. Dennis



W. L. Murphy



Mrs. M. L. Easterling

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Miss L. Daniels



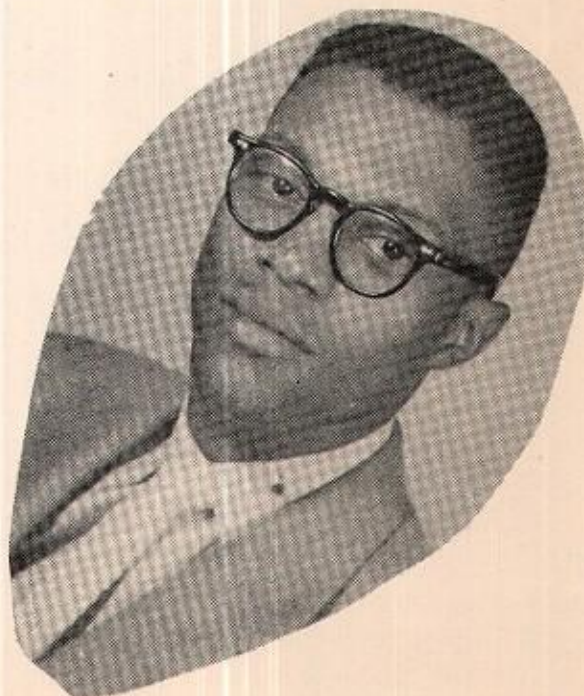
Miss A. Z. Howse



F. A. Pullom



Mrs. J. D. Wheeler



A. J. Garth



Miss E. J. Henry
Mathematics



R. D. Lewis
Social Science



Miss A. Z. Howse
English



Mrs. J. D. Wheeler
English



W. J. Davenport
Principal



Mrs. R. B. Blackshear
Mathematics



Mrs. E. O. Vaughn
History



S. Morgan
Diversified Occupation



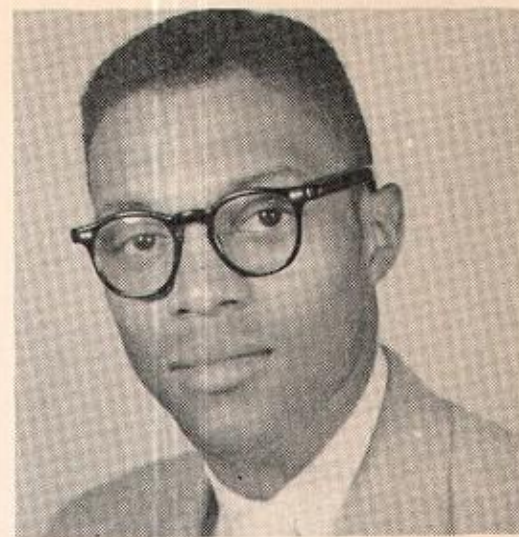
Mrs. E. C. Ramsey
Cosmetology



A. F. Carney
T and I



Miss E. C. Jefferson
Guidance and French



A. J. Garth
English



Mrs. M. L. Easterling
English



R. O. Vaughn
Chemistry



Mrs. A. J. Gordon
Typing and Shorthand



F. A. Pullom
English



Miss I. Daniels
Art



F. K. Bradley
Physics



J. L. Pitts
Physical Education



Mrs. O. N. Alfred
Home Economics



W. Chapman
Auto Mechanics



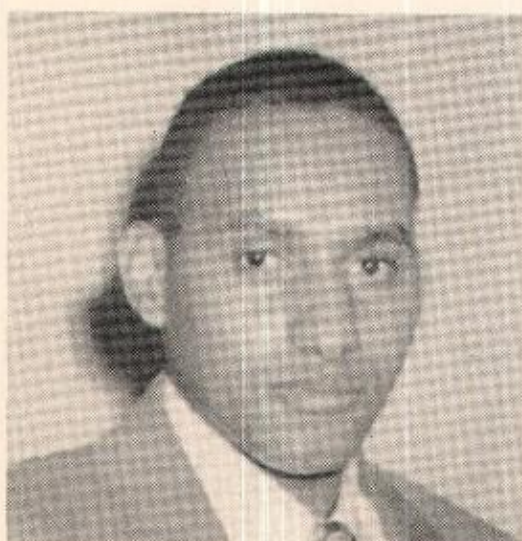
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Bookkeeping



Mrs. D. C. Dennis
English



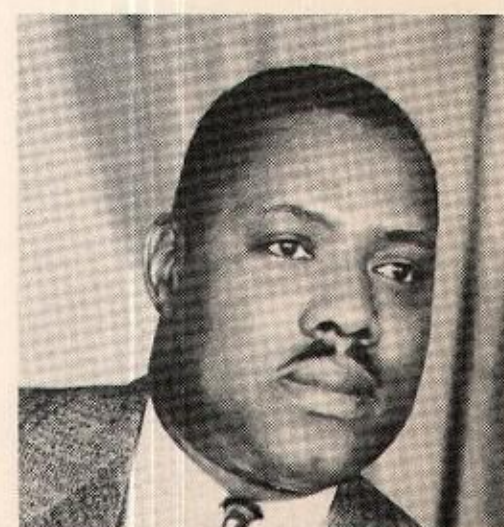
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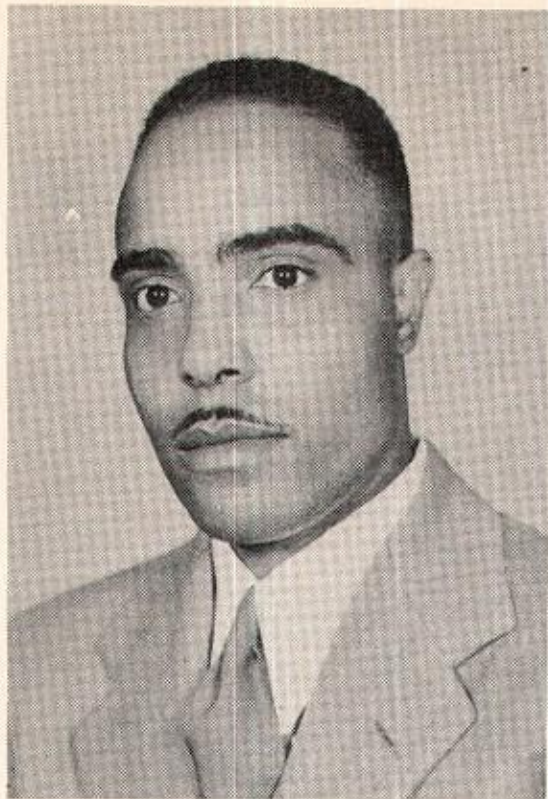
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Economics



E. J. Simmons
Music



W. L. Hainey
Biology



W. L. Murphy
English and French



Miss F. Richardson
English



Miss L. C. Henderson
Librarian



Mrs. S. C. Bynes
Home Economics

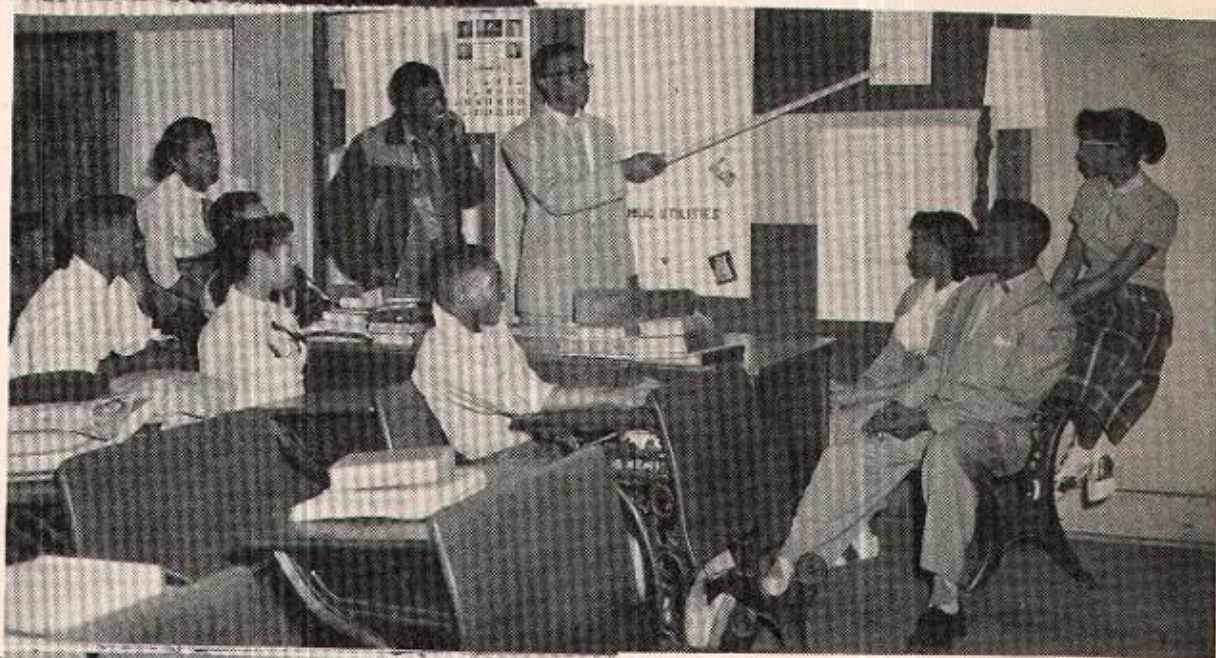


Mrs. O. Nealy
P.T.A President

J. M. Kendricks - Band



Classes



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English
and
Audio Visual

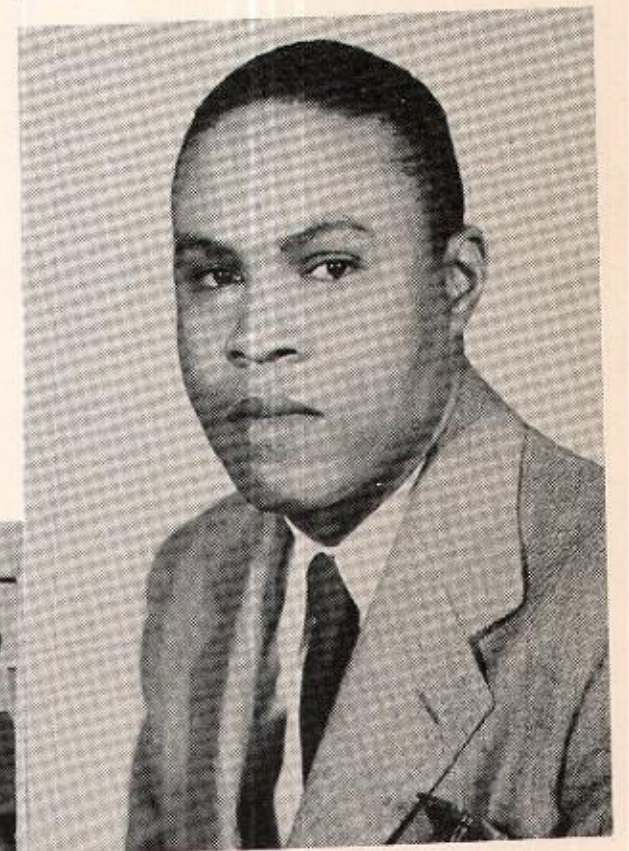
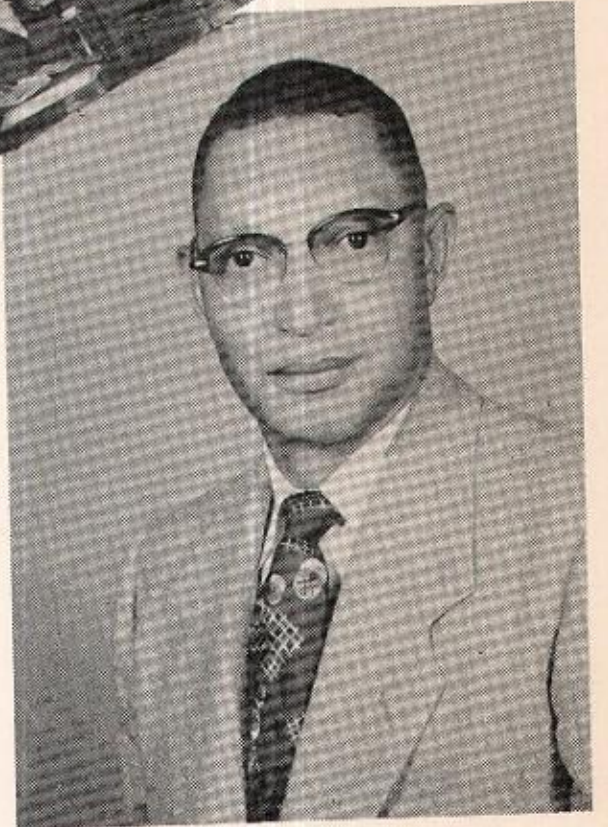
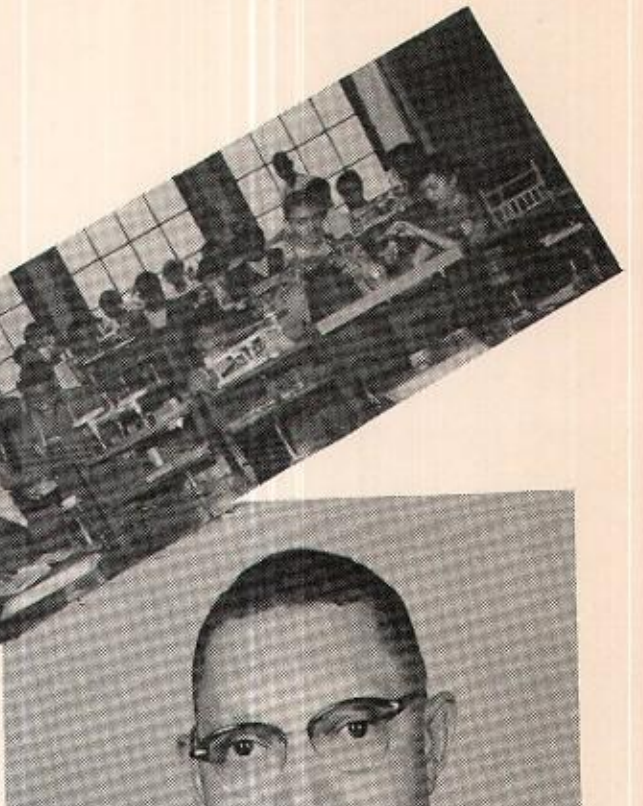




Chemistry



Physics



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Biology





Glee Club



Band

Congratulations:

To Misses Daniels and Pickett, and to the Art students for having painted the beautiful Mural showing the development of Negro schools. The sketch of the new Howard is spectacular. The mural was sent to Atlantic City to be on exhibit during the National Administrative Convention.

Art



Mural Painters

1954.

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Commercial



Economics

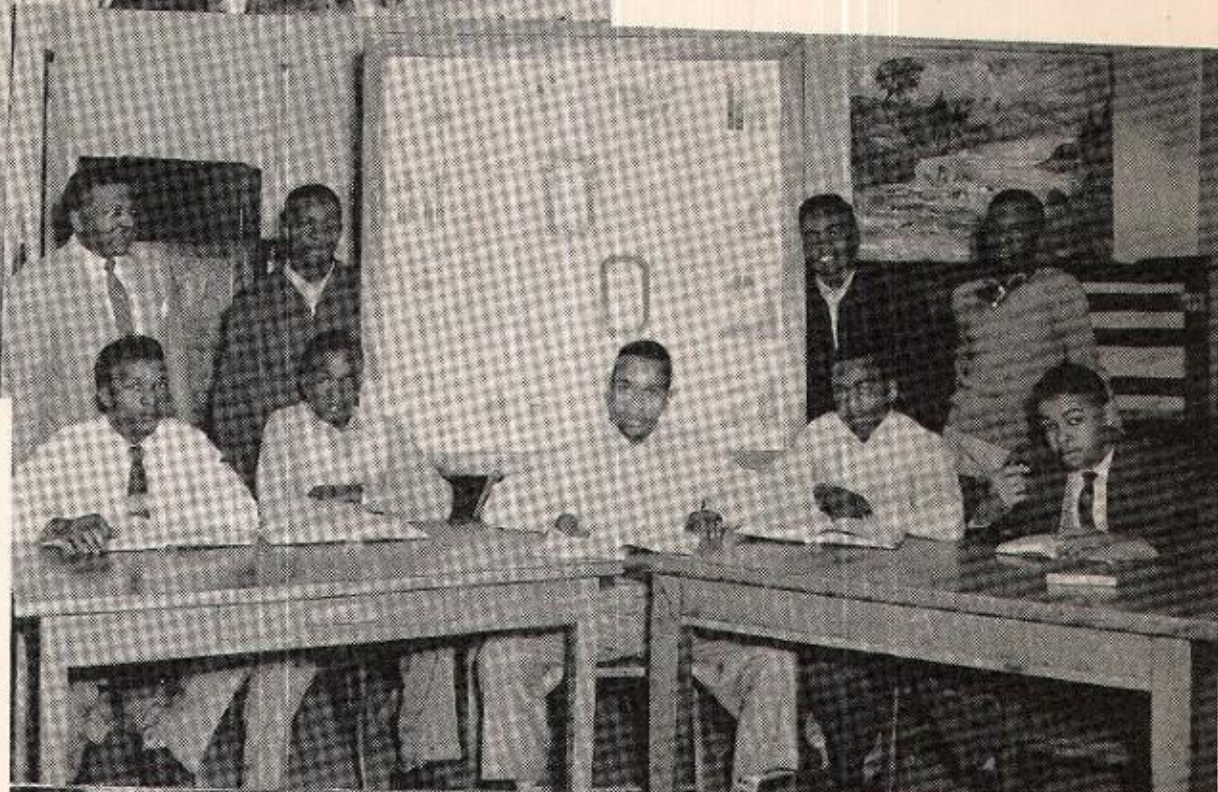


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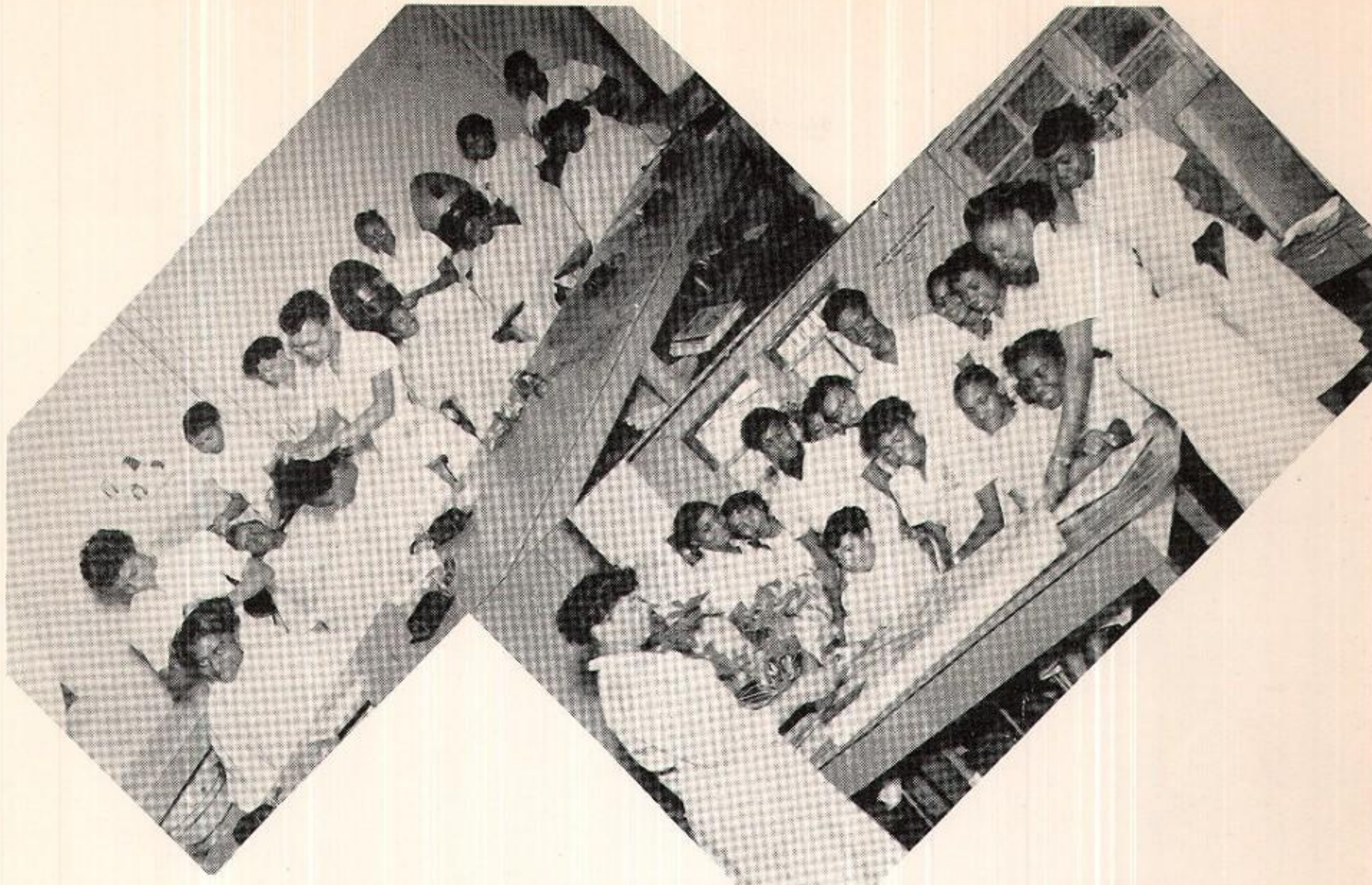
Home Economics



Diversified
Occupations

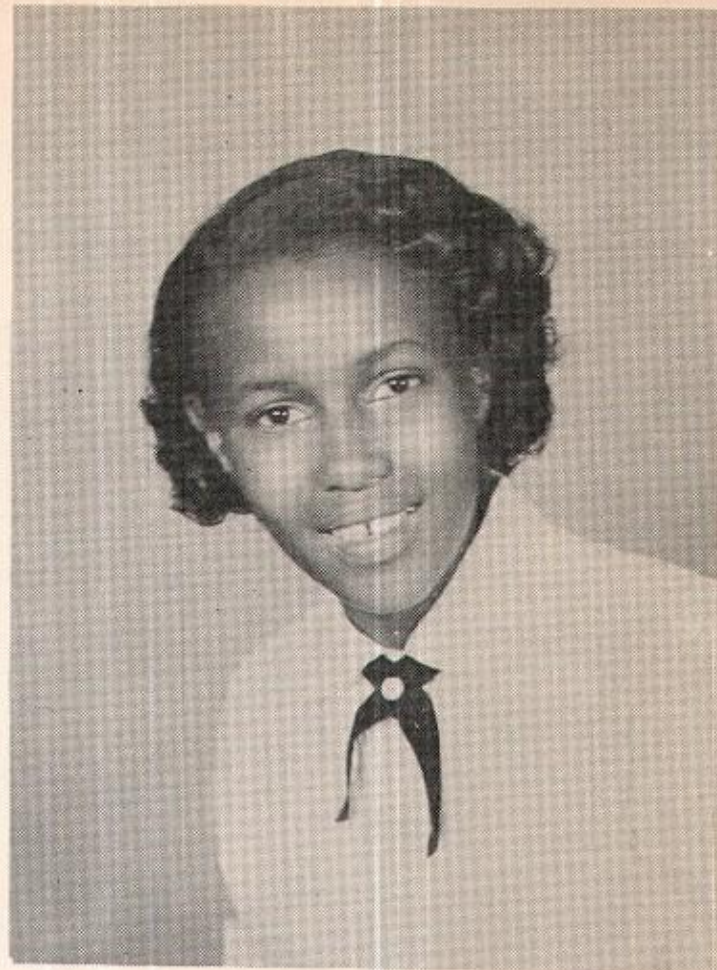


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Cosmetology



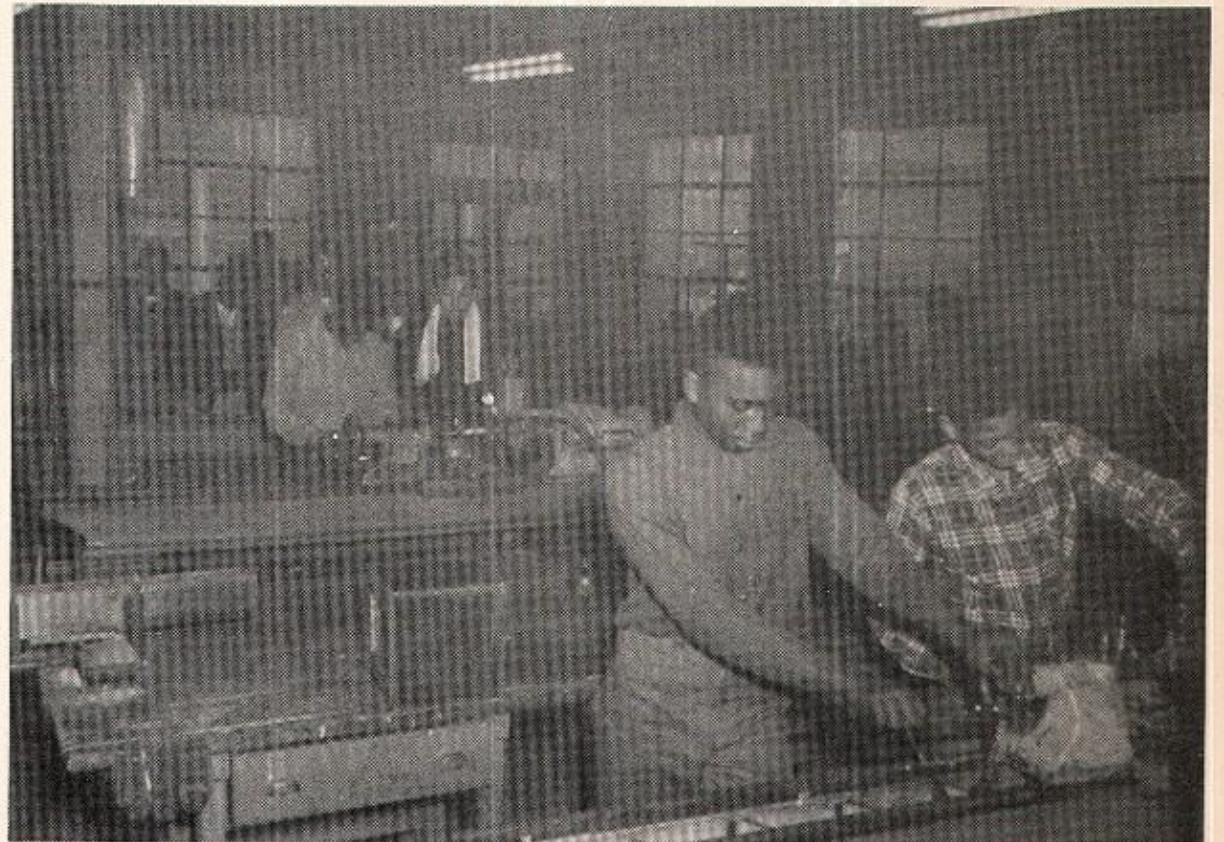


Cosmetology
Hair Styles





Auto Mechanics



T. and I.
Shop





Senior Class



Joseph
Milner



Andrei
Hammonds



Mattie
Clark



Mary
Benton



Irma
Smith



Margaret
Crutcher
"Peggy"



Ruby
Turner



Barbara
Ware



Mildred
Suggs
"Midge"



Robert
Taylor



Wavie
Freeman



Martha
Malone



JoAnn
Bonds



Inez
Bonner



Johnnie
Henderson



Norman
Eubanks
"pig"



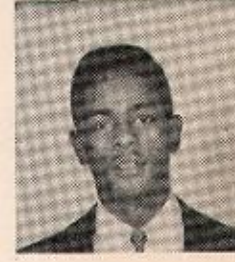
Barbara
Cathey



Jimmy
Johnson
"Blade"



Paul
Boyd



LeBron
Jackson
"Skinny"



Bobby
Brewster



Tommie
Benford



Dorothy
Garrison



Olear
Haslerig



Barbara
King



Margaret
Richardson



Arndell
Ricks
"Pretty Boy"



Gloria
Glenn
"Mose"



Mary
Rowe



Imogean
Boykins



Shirley
Taylor



Jacola
Bone



Shirley
Laster
"Sherry"



Ruby
Hinton



Weldon
McBee



James
Clark



Mary
Goins



Eunice
Jones



JoAnn
Bradley



Walter
Hill
"Head"



Jean
Hurt



Julia
McKenzie



Betty
Jackson



Gloria
Conner



Geneva
Oliver
"Itchy"



Elizabeth
Foster



Claudia
Camp
"Peggy"



Virginia
Bryant



Johnnie
Knight



Betty
Jennings



Betty
Shropshire



Ida
Malone



Benny
Morris



Betty
Ryan



Billy
Newsom
"Fluke-Fluke"



Essie
King



Annie
Lewis



Jewell
Smiley



Barbara
McClurkins



Robert
Chatman



Edith
Williams



Alfredia
Watkins
"Fredia"



William
Smith
"Billy"



Cecil
Mitchel



Delores
Lane
"Dee"



Richard
O'Neal
"Junior"



Virginia
Turner



Elwood
Meadows



Calvin
Williams



John
Fagain



Virginia
Harris
"Vickie"



Dorothy
Spence



Edward
Cody
"Duck"



Shirley
Church



John
Hammonds
"Chico"



Barbara
Stiggers



Clonias
Bigoms



Arrelia
Smith



Charles
Huggins



Thomas
Little



Bertha
Rogers
"Bert"



Thelma
Rogers
"Toby"



Sarah
Knowles



Sarah
Curry



Gloria
Sorrells



Jane
Seay



Mary
Ansley



Virginia
Davis
"Jo-Jo"



Cyrus
Carter



Lawrence
Porter



Louis
Ware
"B. O."



Robert
Williams
"Flap"



Fred
Stallion



Harold
Stallion



Edward
Fain



Willie
Wrisper



Betty
Gillins



Betty
McDaniels



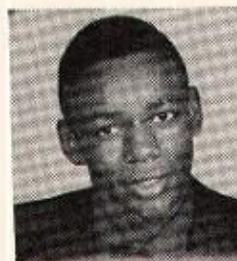
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Winifred
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Rose
Burton



Carl
Gaines



Ermell
Mosley



Frank
Farrow



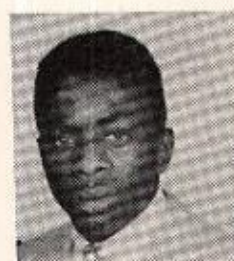
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James
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Mable
Simmons



Joe
Stephens



Geneva
Pursley



Norman
McClure
"Cokie"



Jean
Smiley



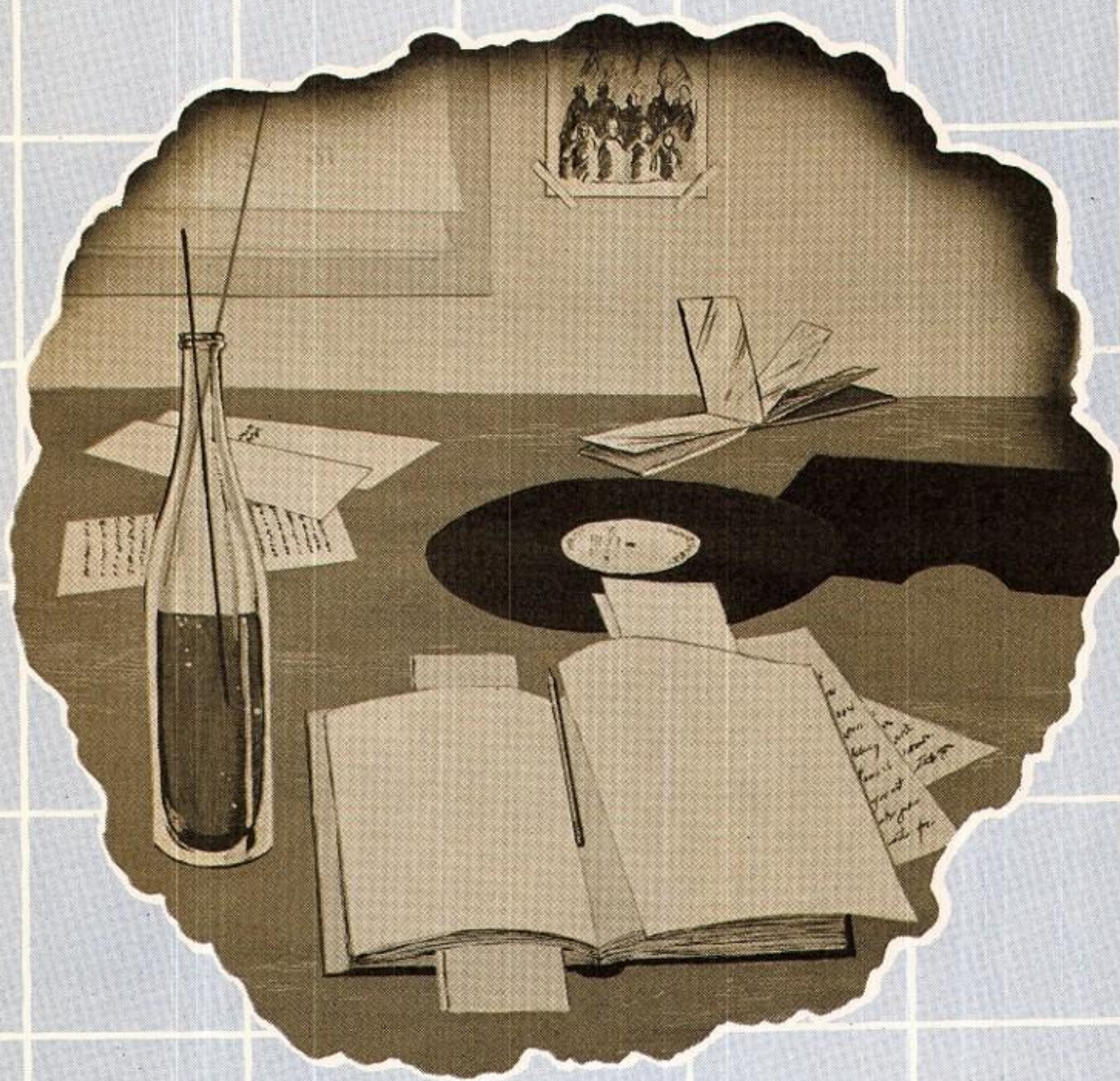
Mildred
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Patricia
Pettus



Class Officers



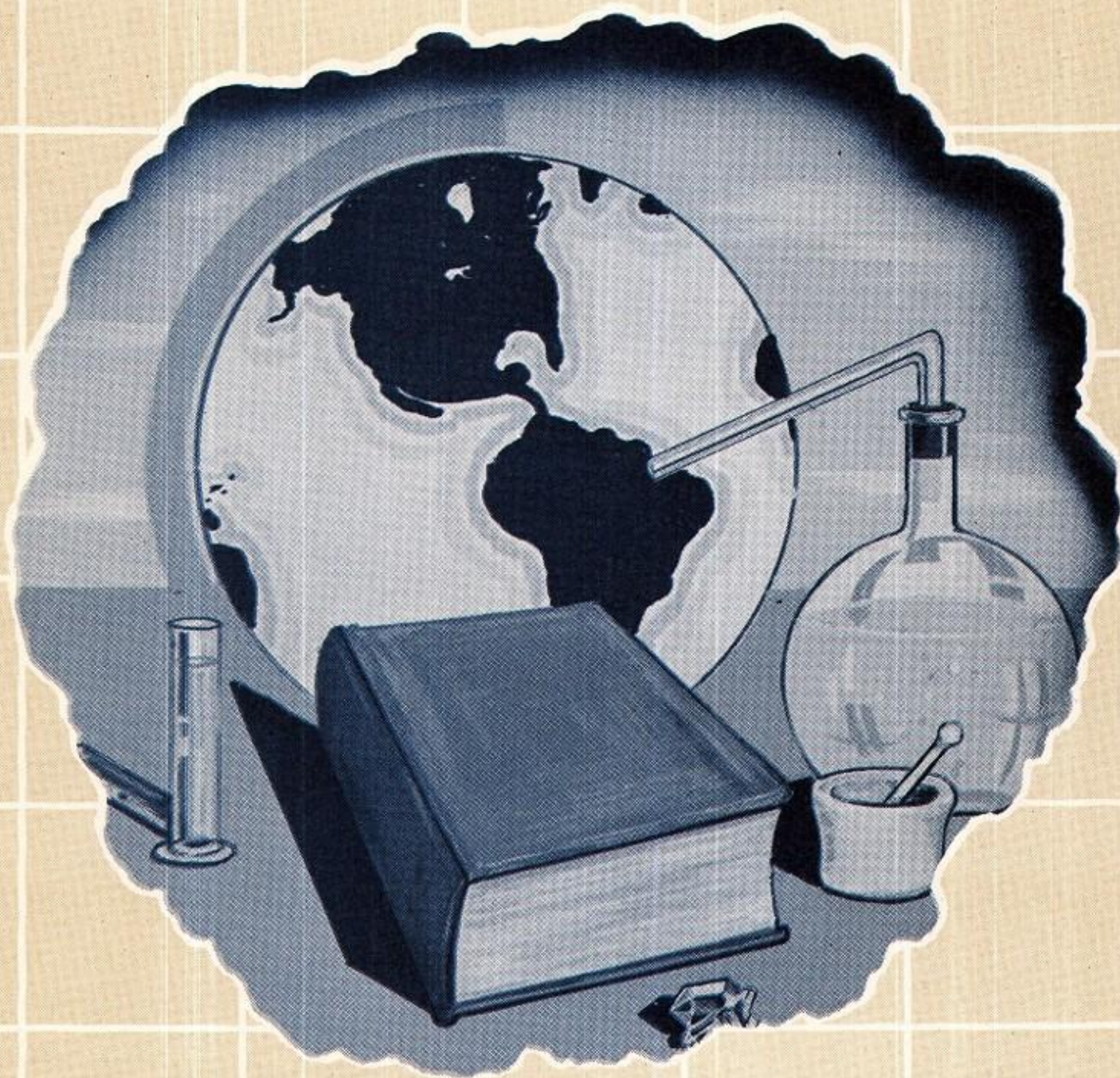
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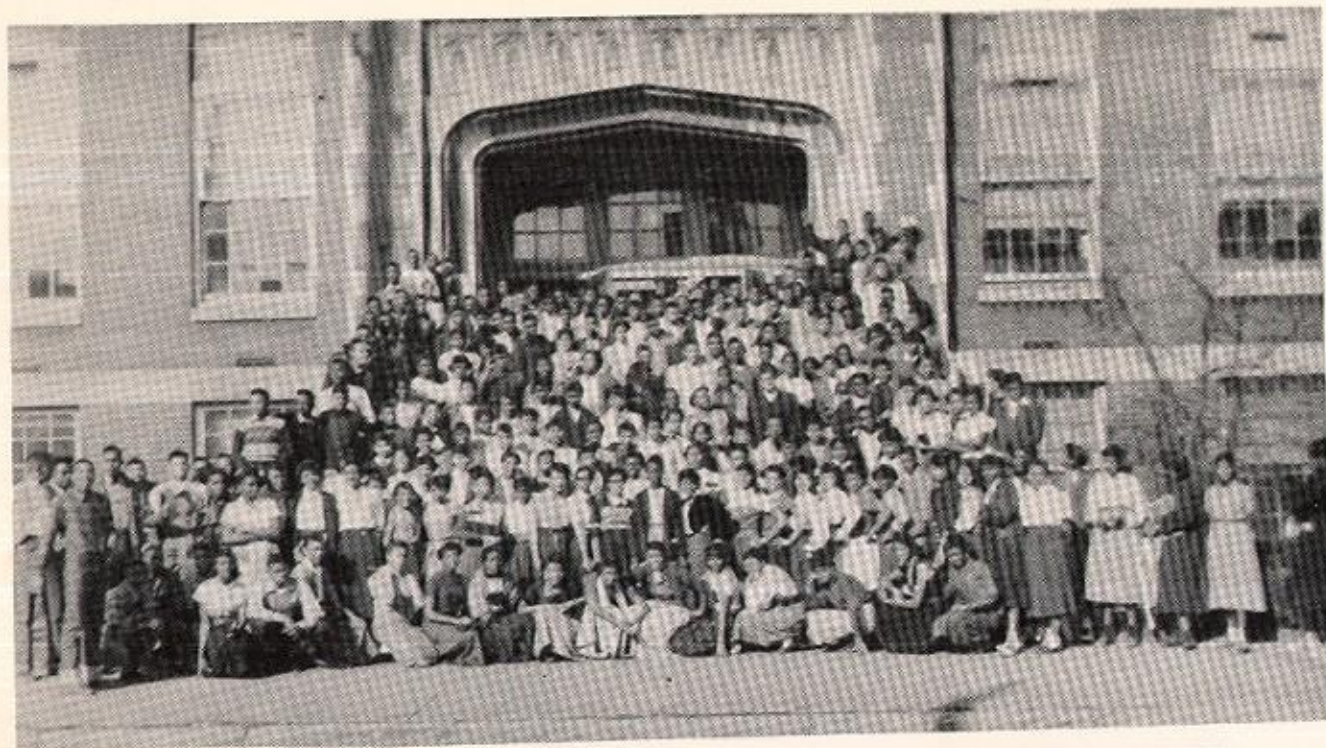
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Sponsors*



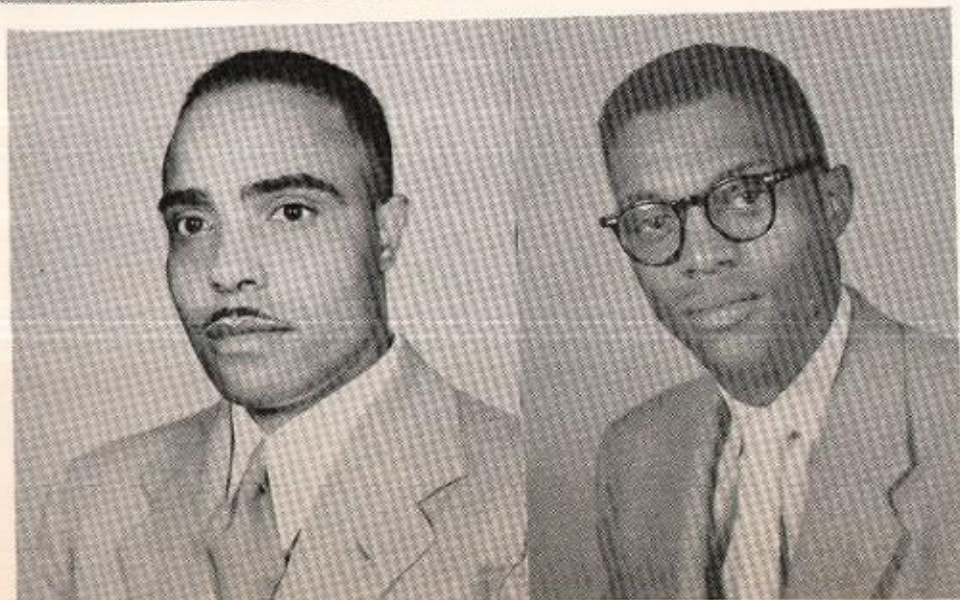
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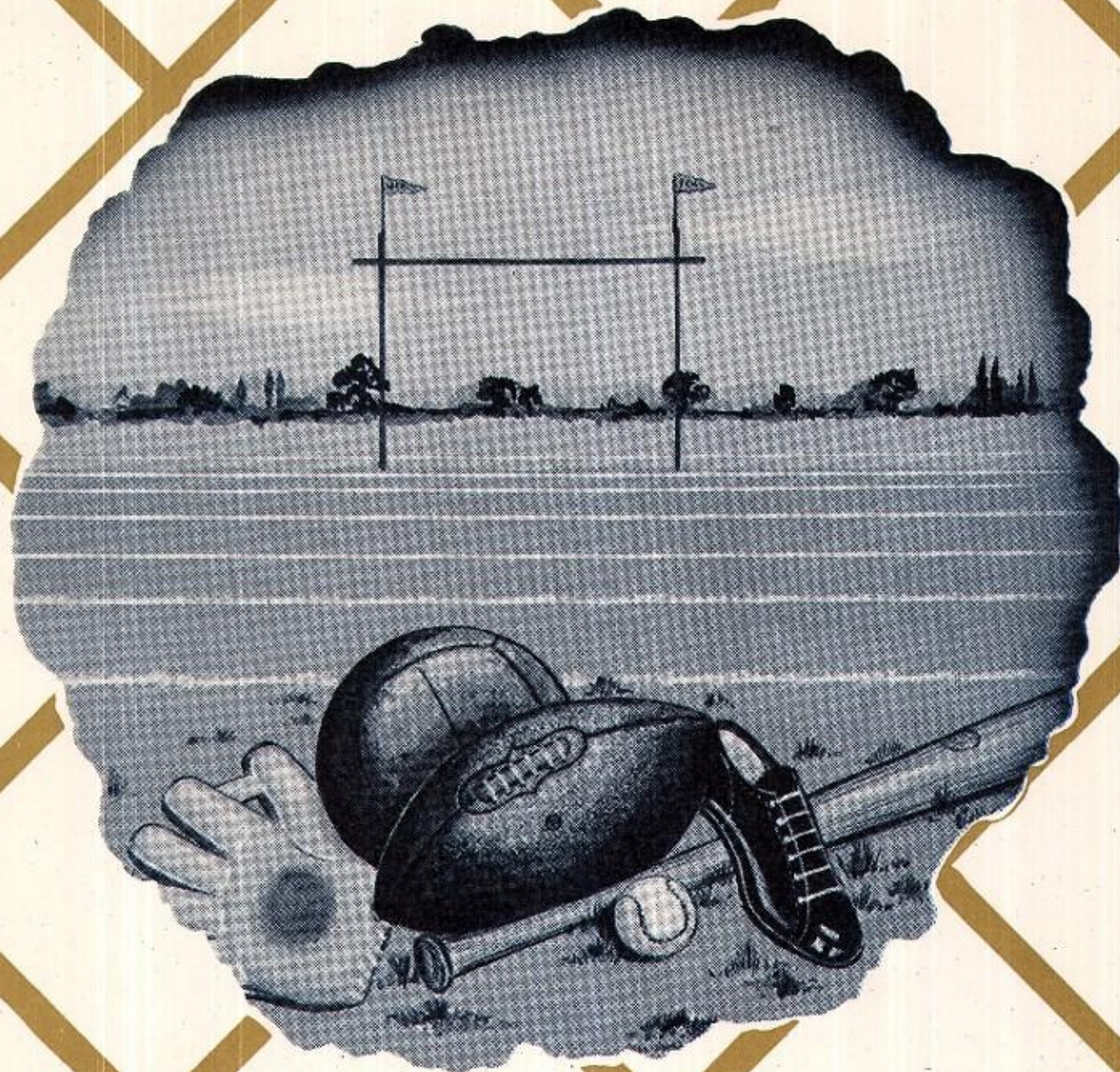
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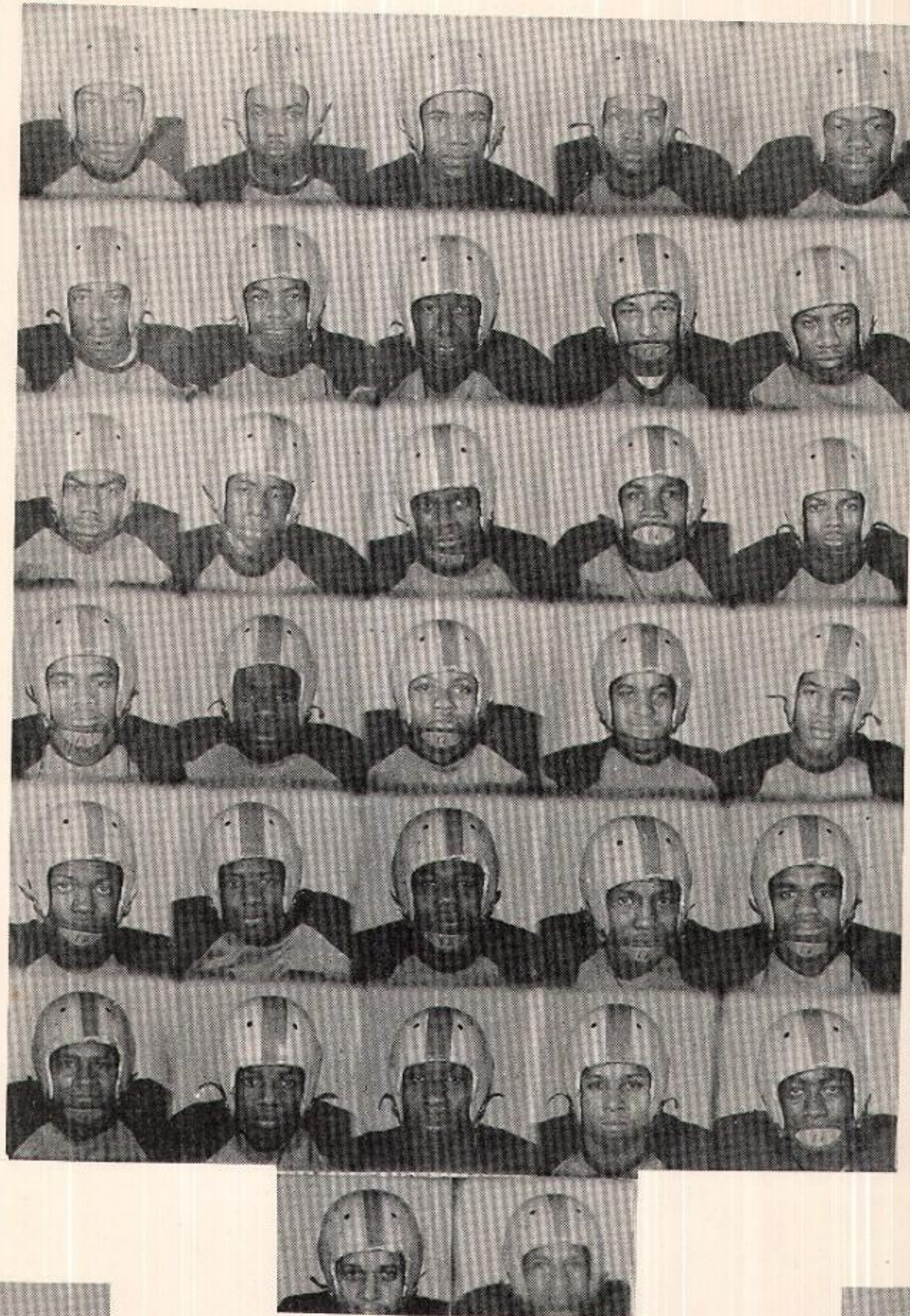


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Athletics

Football



Coach Pitts



Coach Gaston

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Homecoming



Barbara Ware
Miss Howard High

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Queen and her court



Queen and Attendant





Annie Lane



Dicartols Club



HOMEcoming
Funeral of Pearl High
Parade Float



C L A S S Q U E E N S

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Ida Malone
Miss Senior



Hazel Overton
Miss Junior

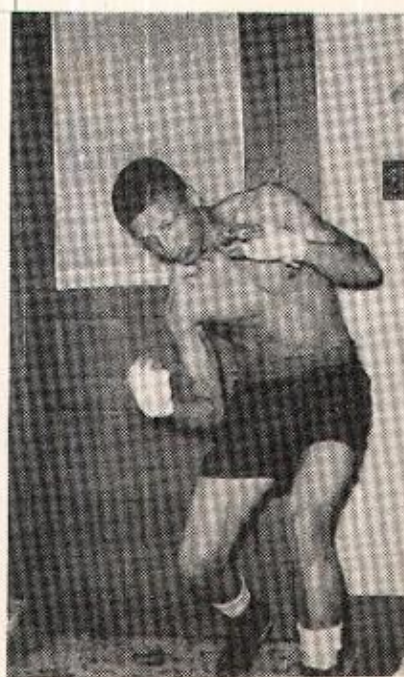


Rosa Parks
Miss Sophomore



Mary Ethel Blake

Basketball



Dargin McWhorter
Appalachian
Golden Glove Champ
Dec. 7, 1953



Honors



Who's Who

Christinia Jaffers
Modern Dancer



Margaret Crutcher
Majorette

Tango Dancers
with
Frank Jones - Annie Lane
Dance Team

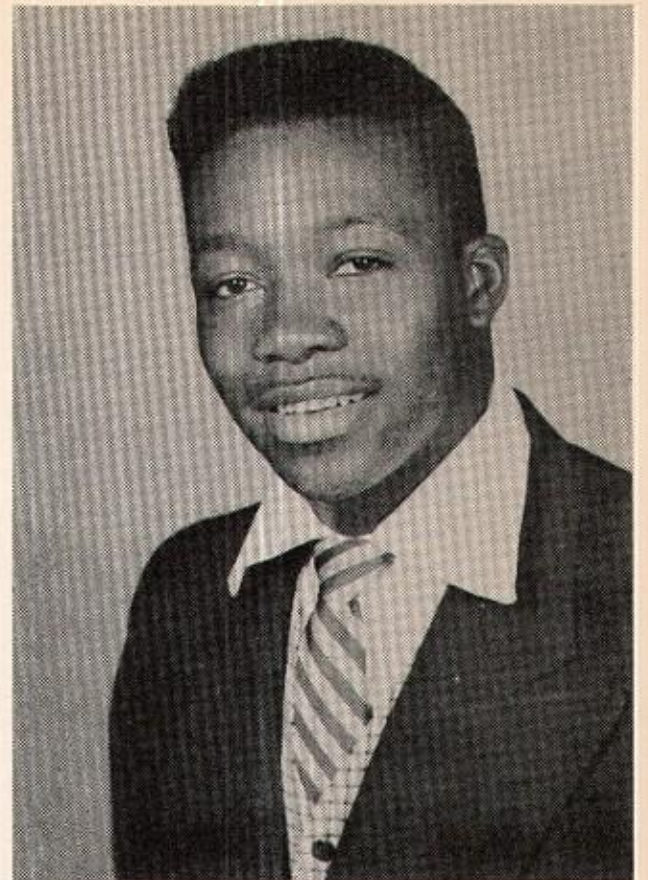


Mexican Dancers
with
Alfred Jones - Agnes Taylor
Dance Team





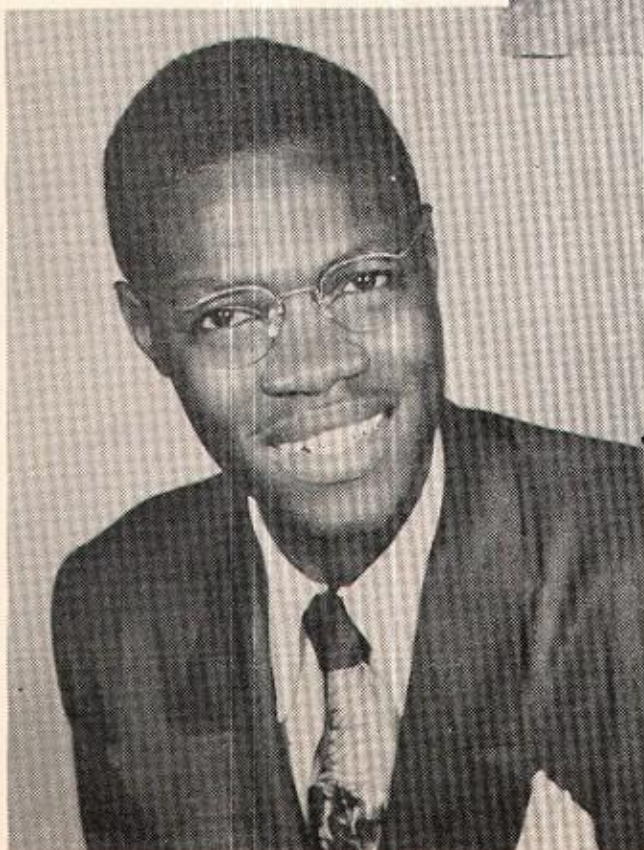
Excelsior Staff
Ruby Turner
Jerry Phillips



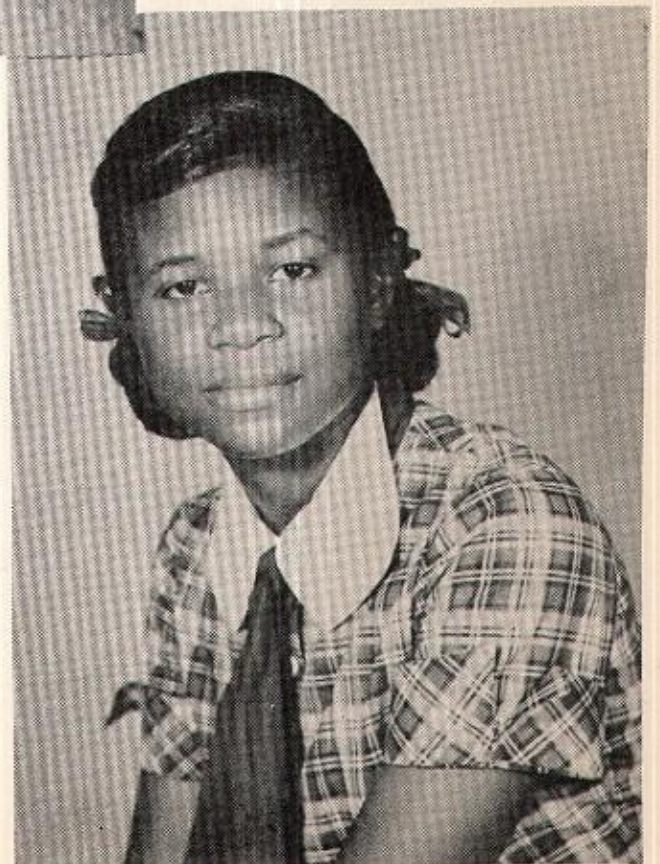
Gaines Camp
Organist

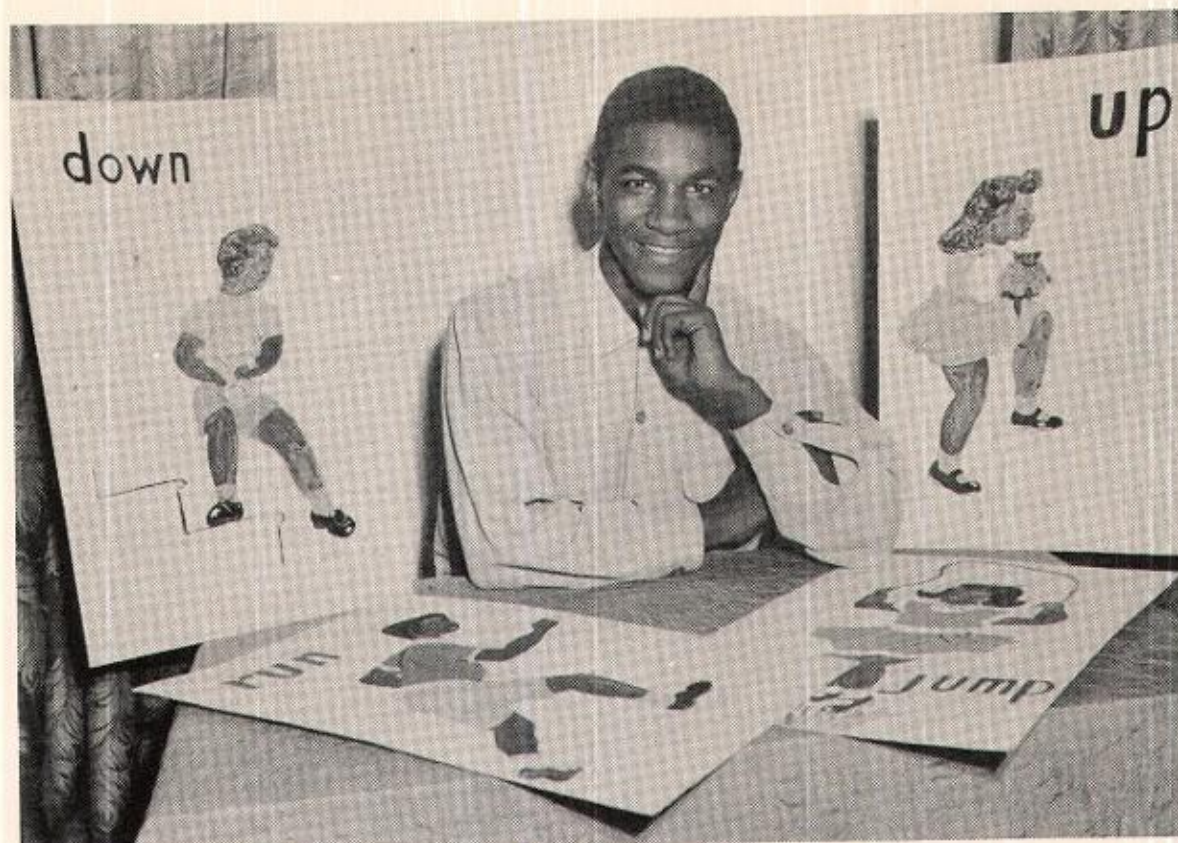


Evelyn Key
"Miss Jabberwock"
1954



Jacqueline Williams
Pianist





Fredrick Brewer
Art



Eugene Mosely
Cook - Patten Hotel



Honor Roll



Crescent Club



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Special Events



Wiley Lee Johnson

VOCAL RECITAL

HOWARD AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY MORNING NOV. 6, 1953

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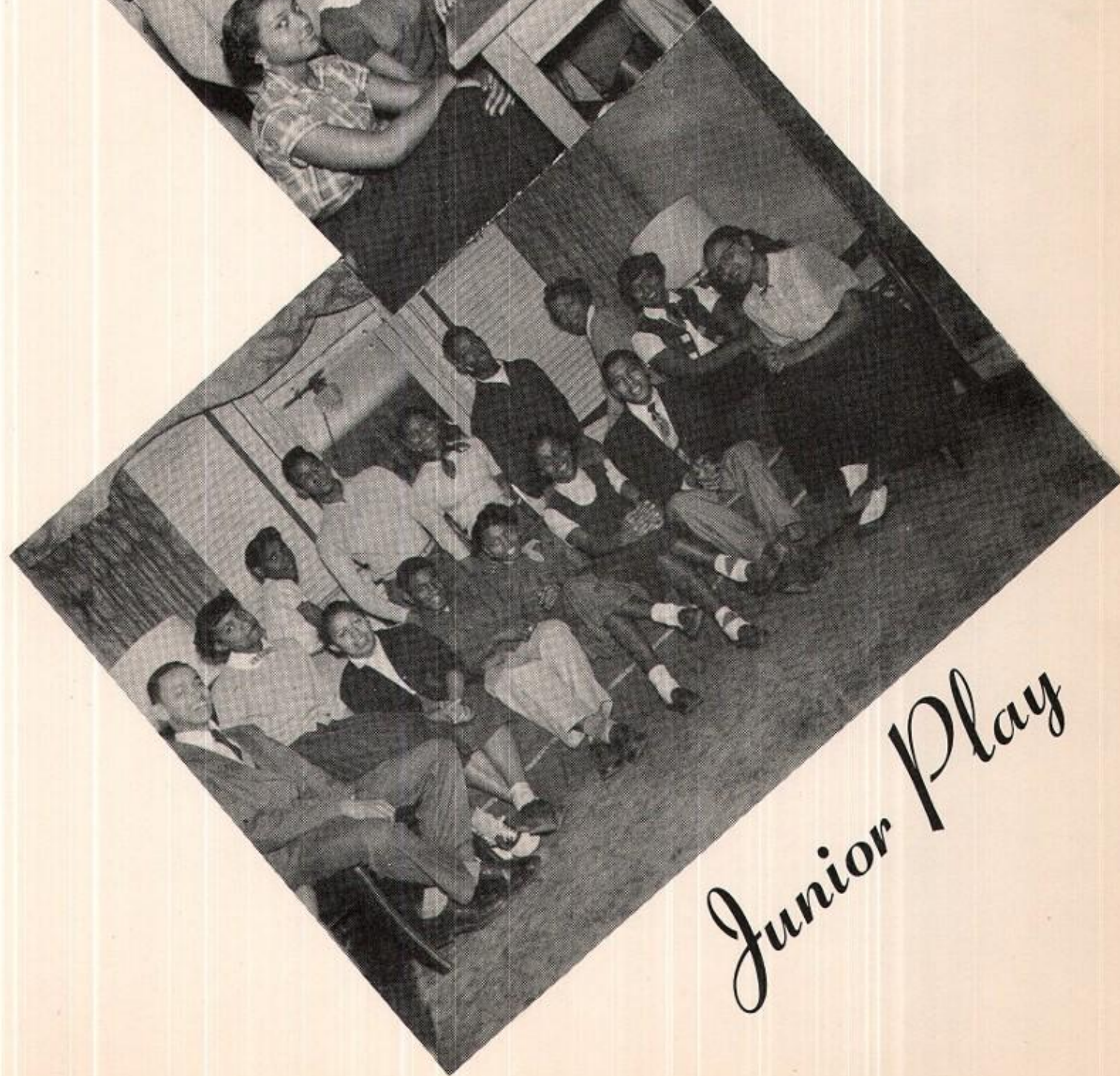
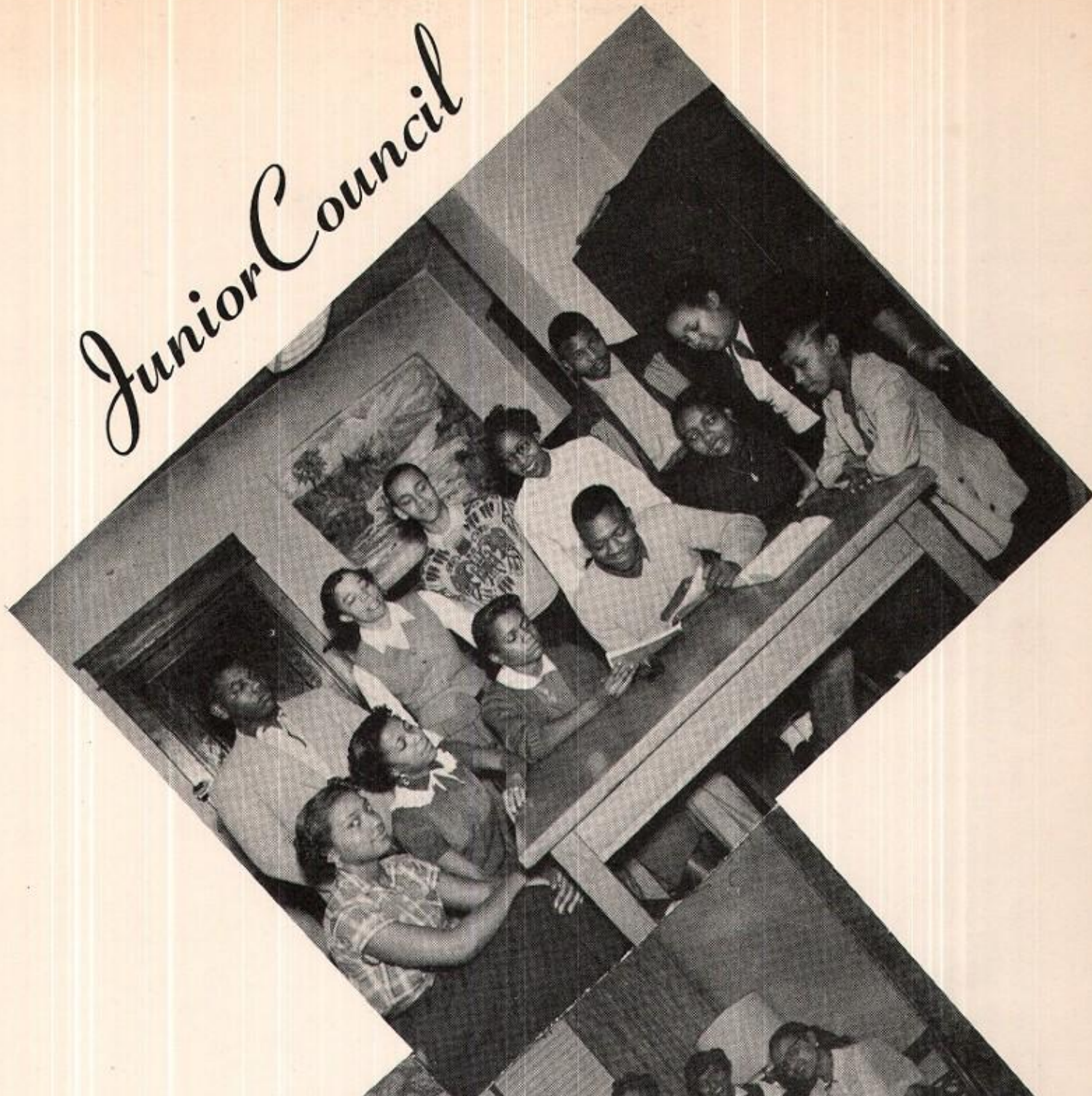
- 1. Lord's Prayer*
- 2. Bless This House*
- 3. Road To Mandalay*
- 4. Lucky Old Sun*
- 5. Crying In The Chapel*



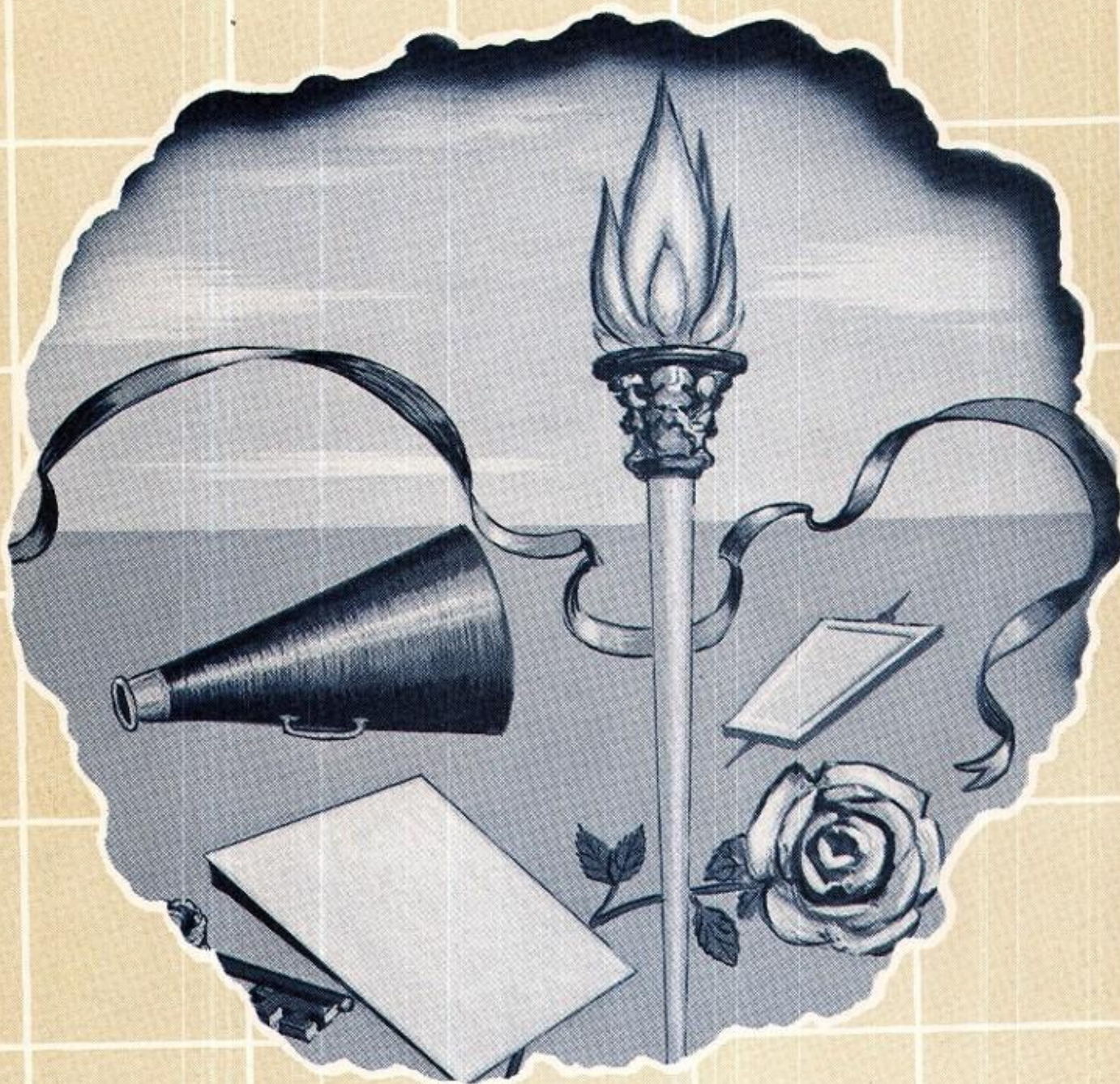
Junior Senior Prom



Junior Council



Junior Play



Organizations



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Clubs

Lynettes





Clubs

Duchess



Monarch



Debonairs



Dukes

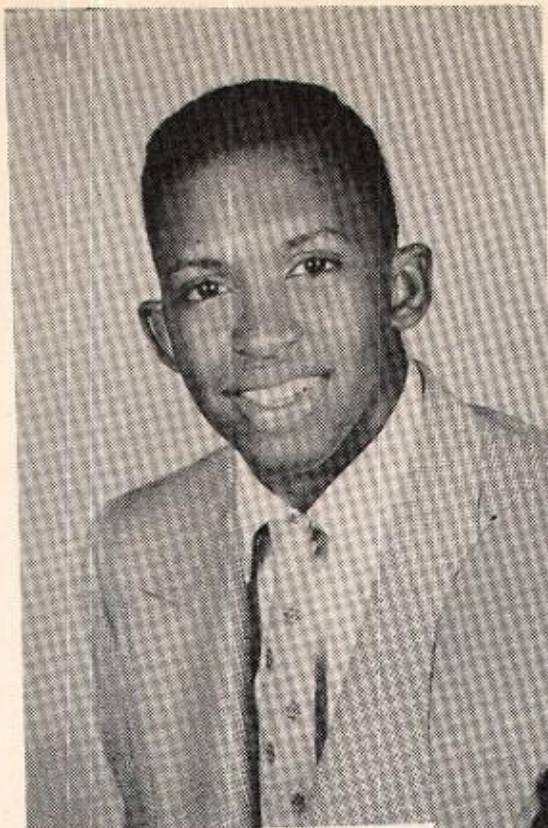
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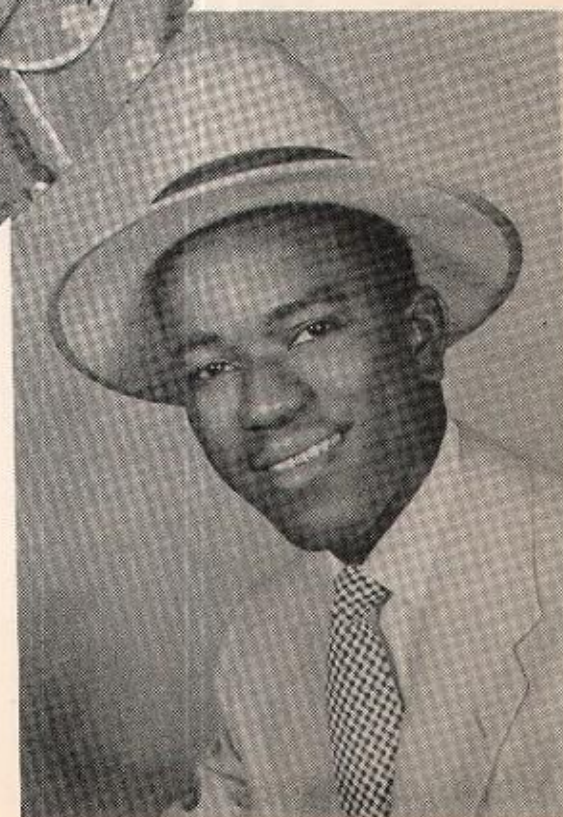
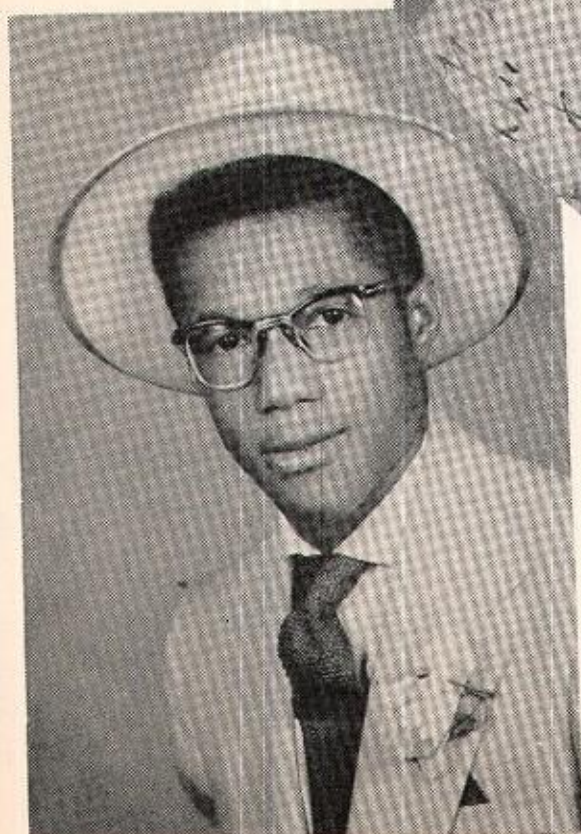
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N. H. A. Club





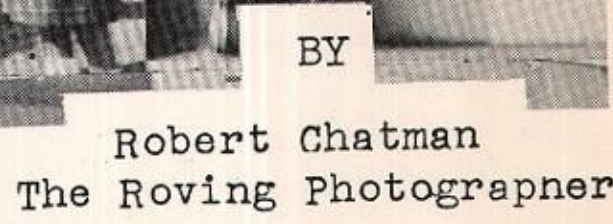
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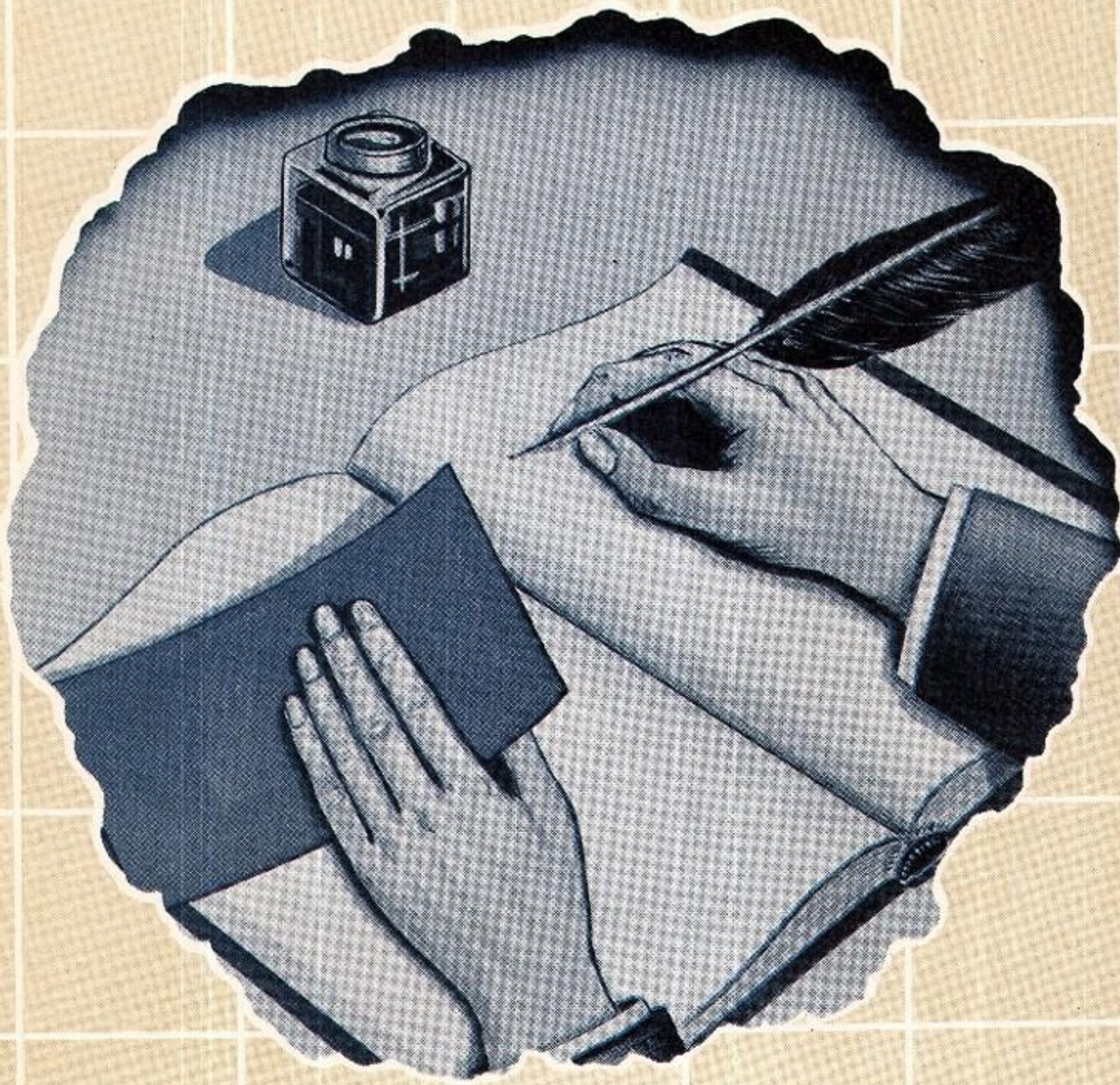




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